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Project Name: North Carolina Caregiver Wellness Program

Recipient: DAI Foundation
Recipient Address: 506 N. Main Street
Recipient City: Creedmoor
Recipient State: NC
Recipient Zip: 27522

Amount of Request: \$750,000

Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):

These funds will go to the establishment of a Caregiver Wellness Program to serve caregivers and their loved ones in North Carolina. The Caregiver Wellness Program will be led by the DAI Foundation, a North Carolina nonprofit caregiver assistance organization, in collaboration with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University. It will focus on the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area and develop a model for the state and the nation.

Caregiver wellness and effectiveness involves providing care for an elderly loved one while also taking good care of one's self. Family caregiving is a responsibility that affects one in five people, and the caregiving issue is now recognized as a national priority.

The North Carolina Caregiver Wellness Program is intended to greatly alleviate the growing pressure on family caregivers, communities and local service providers. It will focus on four key needs of family caregivers: (1) information and education; (2) services and resources; (3) emotional and family support; and (4) legal and financial assistance. The program will have the reach and capacity to address the needs of caregivers and positively impact seniors who are care recipients. It will include development of an assessment tool that identifies needs of North Carolina caregivers, an interactive caregivers' website and toll-free hotline, and workshops to provide information and education as well as emotional support for family caregivers.

In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was made.

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